

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

FISCAL NOTE

L.R. No.: 5005-01
Bill No.: HJR 55
Subject: Constitutional Amendments: Public Funds
Type: Original
Date: April 7, 2004

FISCAL SUMMARY

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON GENERAL REVENUE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
General Revenue	(\$36,840)		
Total Estimated Net Effect on General Revenue Fund	(\$36,840)	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON OTHER STATE FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>Other</u> State Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

Numbers within parentheses: () indicate costs or losses.
This fiscal note contains 4 pages.

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0

ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Local Government	\$0	\$0	\$0

FISCAL ANALYSIS

ASSUMPTION

Officials from the **Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE)** assume that the fiscal impact of this legislation is unknown but could be significant. The legislation could open the door for enabling legislation that would allow public money to go to religious schools. DESE's federal grants division is aware of 525 nonpublic schools that could potentially benefit from such legislation; this number only includes those nonpublic schools that report to the federal grants division. The overall impact could double the administrative functions of the Department; DESE assumes a significant administrative impact.

Officials from the **Department of Higher Education** assume that the fiscal impact of this legislation is unknown. This proposed constitutional change could result in a significant but unquantifiable future cost if it results in the General Assembly deciding to provide state funding for the 25 private colleges and universities.

Oversight assumes that appropriations for state funding of private elementary and secondary schools and for private colleges and universities would be subject to the normal state budget and appropriation processes, and has not shown any direct cost resulting from the proposal in this fiscal note.

Secretary of State officials stated that advertisement costs for the proposal would be \$3,684 per column inch for three printings of the text of the proposal, the introduction, fiscal note summary,

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and affidavit. The proposal would be on the ballot for the November 2004 general election.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
<u>Cost to General Revenue Fund</u>			
<u>Secretary of State</u>			
Newspaper Advertisements	<u>(\$36,840)</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>

FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

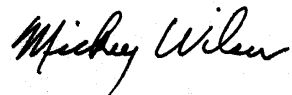
DESCRIPTION

This proposal would submit a constitutional amendment to the voters of the state which would remove that portion of the Missouri Constitution which prohibits distribution of state funds to religious organizations.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space. This proposal would not affect Total State Revenue.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Elementary and Secondary Education
Department of Higher Education



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